Mr. Puthupally S. Krishna Pillai (*Legal Remembrancer*) : Sir, I rise to a point of order. No member is entitled to question the ruling of the Chair in regard to the admission of questions.....

President : I oppose the objection. There is a further point : it is in order to prevent similar questions being put in future that the answers are worded like that.

Road leading from the 74th mile stone of the M. C. Road.

55. ✻ **Mr. Kalloor Narayana Pillai** (*Mavelikara and Thiruvalla* cum *Pattanamtitta*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the road leading from the 74th mile stone of the M. C. road to the western gopuram of the Chengannur Mahadevar temple is maintained by the P. W. Department ;

(*b*) if not until what year it was maintained by the P. W. Department ;

(*c*) what is the distance of that road from M. C. road to the temple gopuram ;

(*d*) what is the width of the present road ;

(*e*) whether the sand kept inside the temple compound has been removed from there and kept in certain part of this road ; and

(*f*) whether the sand so kept will be taken by water to the paddy lands lying east of this road during heavy rains ?

Mr. M. S. Doraswami Aiyangar (*Chief Engineer*) :

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Does not arise.

(*c*) 1320 feet.

(*d*) 20 feet on the average.

(*e*) Yes.

(*f*) Yes.

Irrigation tanks in the taluks of Parur and Kunnatnad.

56. ✻ **Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar** (*Parur, Kunnatnad and Muvattupuzha* cum *Devicolam*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the total number of irrigation tanks now existing in the taluks of Parur and Kunnatnad and the total extent of land served by those tanks ;

(*b*) the total number of irrigation tanks which are under actual use and the number lying unused ; and

(*c*) if there are unused tanks ;

(i) what are the reasons for the non-user,

(ii) how long is it since such tanks lie in such unused condition,

(iii) what will be the extent of land that could be irrigated if such tanks are renovated,

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(iv) what will be the total cost necessary for the renovation of such tanks, and

(v) what will be the total area of such tanks lying unused?

Mr. M. S. Doraswami Aiyangar: (*a*) 60 and 1089 respectively. The total extent of lands served by these tanks cannot be correctly ascertained until a thorough survey of the whole area is conducted.

(*b*) This cannot be correctly known unless a survey is made.

(*c*) (i) Due to silting up of the tanks.

(ii) Cannot be correctly known.

(iii) Roughly 390 acres and 9,000 acres respectively.

(iv) Roughly Rs. 8 lakhs.

(v) *Vide* answer to item (ii).

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: With reference to part (*a*) of the question, may I know whether the Government intend to take a thorough survey as stated in the answer?

Mr. M. S. Doraswami Aiyangar: It will be seen from part (iv) of the answer that roughly eight lakhs of rupees will be the cost involved in this.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: May I know whether the survey itself will cost so much or the renovation of the tank?

Mr. M. S. Doraswami Aiyangar: It is the renovation. There is no point in a mere survey.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: May I know whether Government propose to take the survey of such tanks?

Mr. M. S. Doraswami Aiyangar: There does not seem to be much advantage unless the work is also taken up.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: I do not hear.

Mr. M. S. Doraswami Aiyangar: There does not seem to be much advantage gained in conducting the survey unless we are going to take up the work itself.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: May I know whether in accordance with the Irrigation Committee's proposal, the agriculturists are not willing to contribute half the cost for such purposes as per the irrigation rules?

Mr. M. S. Doraswami Aiyangar: The question will be viewed from that point when it is taken up.

Mr. Kochikal P. Balakrishnan Tampi: (*Karunagapalli, Karthikapalli and Ambalapuzha* cum *Shertallai*): Is the problem of renovation so urgent in Parur as it is in Nanjinad and Shencottah?

Mr. M. S. Doraswami Aiyangar: I believe it is.

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